

Agenda

Lachat Town Farm Commission Monthly Meeting
Meeting Room at Town Hall at 7:30pm
Tuesday, July 5, 2016

A. Approve June 7, 2016 minutes.

B. Committee's Review:

Facility Committees:

1. Community Garden and Children's Garden/Greenhouse - Kat McConnaughey & Michelle Fracasso
 - a. additional garden beds in CG - need costs of materials and timeline -Kat
 - b. follow-up discussion on interns in Apr/May helping in the CG**
 - c. discuss CG responsibilities concerning deposits and jobs that need to be done.**
 - d.. greenhouse delivery and assembly update - Ellen**
 - e. discuss the need for fencing around children's garden area-in CT AG dept. grant**
2. Farmhouse/Building Committee – Carol Baldwin report
 - a. update on porch construction and greenhouse foundation status including posts
 - b. update on heat and electric
 - c. interior work: removal of paint, mold, mildew, etc.
 - d. discussion of FH kitchen design and kitchen equipment needs for FH and garage apt.**
 - e. timing for when kitchen will be put in and completed.**
 - f. update on completion date**
3. Grounds Committee
 - a. **possible surveillance of the property for security - price - Max Burns**
 - b. list of projects for volunteers - clean out loft of barn, weed around garden, move dirt piles
 - c. list organizations willing to send volunteers
 - d. appoint leader to get volunteers for the season**
 - e. get update from Beautification Committee on their proposals
 - f. liming of grass to get rid of some poison ivy
 - g. need to appoint someone in charge of grounds**
 - h. where to locate the kiosk for the bee hive and where to put the bee hive - suggestion: put the kiosk near the community garden and the bee hive up in the field...paint bee hive green color to camouflage**
4. Farm Committee – Production Garden
 - a. get soil test done - discuss soil ph
 - b. crop plan for 2017 planting - contingent on having a farmer/educator to tend garden
 - c. chicken coop?
 - d. get costs for liming of back fields and lawn to get rid of invasives and poison ivy**

Operations Committees:

5. Program Committee:
 - a. **next programs and who will run them**
 - b. Set up follow up meeting with Michelle Albright to discuss camp programs this summer**
 - c. enlist volunteers to help run programs - report**
 - d. upcoming class list and who will be running each one - need help from volunteers**
6. Fund-Raising and Events Committee:
 - a. Create Committee - outside volunteers?
 - b. list of potential events: Flea Market/Tailgate Tag Sale in October, Farm -to-Table Dinner at Schine's barn, Mid-Winter event or Holiday event , etc.**
 - i. set up committees and chairs for all these events - each event will have a long time-line**
 - ii. committee to prepare a proposal for the commission on how each event will proceed... where, how many vendors, etc.**

- c. **discussion concerning the barn planning grant - Ed Parker**
- d. **discuss canceling idea of the Flea Market - too much in one year?**
- e. List of Grants to be written for 2016

7. PR/Outreach Committee

- a. **develop plan to provide information to schools and local websites about the farm and its upcoming programs**
- b. reach out to schools through Michelle Albright and social media - need a plan
- c. Website discussion - Facebook, FOL website, twitter, instagram, etc. - Logo design
- d. connect community garden communication and responses, etc. with the website
- e. **Molly Moseley and NCC design students update**

8. Farmers Market committee: - Elizabeth Zeppernick

- a. Discuss Elizabeth's ideas for the farmer's market
- b. discuss ideas and get research going on what can be done and who we should approach

C. New Business

- a. Kiwanis looking for projects - make a list
 - 1. help clean up large logs - split and pile
 - 2. clean up bank and prepare garden area
 - 3. clean out machine shop
 - 4. help take down all the wood from the loft in the barn-- **where to put the junk taken out of the barn - transfer station?**
 - 5. paint garage apartment to clean up
 - 6. **discussion on sign for Farm - "Open to Public - Dawn to Dusk" - Carol Baldwin**
 - 7. **talk about Kiwanis request to use Lachat property for a wood splitting area**
- b. **New Commission Members and Advisory board members - new names (4) of people interested in being on the commission by next meeting**

****We have a large agenda and the priority items for discussion are in boldface type.**